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SUBJ: BELIZE: LETTER FROM UK PERMREP TO SYG

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER ON BELIZE FROM UK PERMREP
RICHARD TO SYG WALDHEIM DATED OCT 29, 1974 AND CIRCULATED
AS UN DOCUMENT (A/9821).

I HAVE HONOUR TO REFER TO ADDRESS BY DISTINGUISHED MINISTER
FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF GUATEMALA AT 2245TH PLENARY MEETING
OF GA ON 26 SEPT. 1974, 1/ AND TO STATEMENT BY DISTINGUISHED
GUATEMALAN AMBASSADOR TO ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,
ON 10 OCT., 2/ IN BOTH OF WHICH REFERENCE
WAS MADE TO BELIZE.

I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STATE THAT UK GOVT CANNOT ACCEPT
STATEMENT OF DISTINGUISHED MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS
OF GUATEMALA IN SO FAR AS IT DISPUTES SOVEREIGNTY OF UK
OVER BELIZE. I HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STATE THAT
MY GOVT DO NOT ACCEPT STATEMENT MADE IN GA ON 10 OCT
BY HIS EXCELLENCY GUATEMALAN AMBASSADOR TO ORGANIZATION OF
AMERICAN STATES, WHICH AGAIN DISPUTES SOVEREIGNTY OF UK
OVER BELIZE. I SHALL NOT DEAL HERE WITH HISTORICAL AND LEGAL
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ASPECTS OF THESE TWO STATEMENTS, WHICH ARE CORRECT NEITHER

IN FACT NOR IN LAW AND ARE REJECTED BY MY GOVT. UK GOVT
HAVE NO DOUBT AS TO THEIR SOVEREIGNTY OVER TERRITORY OF BELIZE,
AND I WISH FORMALLY TO RESERVE RIGHTS OF UK GOVT IN THIS MATTER.

AS YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL BE AWARE, MY GOVT HAVE IN PAST YEARS
EXPLORED PEACEFUL MEANS, INCLUDING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS,
SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL
BODIES AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION, WHEREBY THEIR
DIFFERENCES WITH GUATEMALA IN REGARD TO FUTURE OF BELIZE
MIGHT BE RESOLVED. MY GOVT WILL, AS BEFORE, CONTINUE THEIR
PEACEFUL EFFORTS TO REACH A JUST AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION WHICH
WILL TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF RIGHTS OF PEOPLE OF BELIZE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH UNIVERSALLY ACKNOWLEDGED PRINCIPLE OF
SELF-DETERMINATION. INDICATIONS WHICH DISTINGUISHED
GUATEMALAN REPS HAVE GIVEN, THAT GUATEMALAN GOVT ARE
WILLING TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH UK GOVT, ARE THEREFORE
WELCOMED.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE THIS
LTR CIRCULATED AS A DOC OF GA UNDER AGENDA ITEM 23

(SIGNED) IVOR RICHARD

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